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CRISIS IN HANDLOOM INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a serious crisis for the handloom industries and handloom workers in the country due to nonavailability of raw material and competition from powerloom industry;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to increase the budget allocation and accept restructuring proposal for handloom industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Though the handloom sector faces stiff competition from powerloom sector but there has been no report from any quarter that there is a crisis in the handloom sector and handloom weavers due to non-availability of raw material.

(b) & (c): In order to facilitate regular supply of basic raw material i.e. yarn to the handloom sector, Government of India is implementing Yarn Supply scheme throughout the country to make available all types of yarn at Mill Gate Price to the eligible handloom weavers. The scheme is being implemented through National Handloom Development Corporation, Lucknow. Budgetary allocation under the yarn supply scheme has been increased to Rs.130 crore in 2014-15 when compared to Rs.100 crore during 2013-14.

To improve the living standard of handloom weavers and sustainable development of handloom sector, the following schemes are under implementation during XII plan:-

1. National Handloom Development Programme - two components:-

a. Comprehensive Handlooms Development Scheme (3 schemes of 11th Plan merged into this scheme. These schemes were Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme, Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme and Diversified Handlooms Development Scheme).

b. Revival, Reform and Restructuring (RRR) Package for handloom sector.

2. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme - two components-:

a. Health Insurance Scheme for access to health care facilities (The scheme has been implemented by Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms upto 30.9.2014 and now, the scheme is implemented on Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) platform by Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE) with enhanced benefits.

b. Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana for life insurance

3. Yarn Supply Scheme

4. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme